1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make a significant contribution to Queensland’s economy. However, they are less likely to participate in the Queensland economy than non-Indigenous people, experiencing lower levels of employment and business ownership.
2. The State Government has endorsed a new Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Framework.
3. The Framework aims to increase the economic independence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland through employment and business ownership.
4. Increasing employment and business ownership will enable people to buy their own home, break a cycle of intergenerational unemployment and significantly contribute towards improved life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
5. The Framework is designed to focus Queensland Government resources and harness other input from the Australian Government, industry and non-government organisations towards increasing economic participation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
6. It identifies three priority areas for action:
	1. Individual Responsibility and Opportunity: Enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to build their capabilities including through educational attainment to take up and retain employment and to run businesses successfully.
	2. Unlocking Economic Potential: Enable economic opportunities by removing barriers to economic development and by supporting business growth.
	3. Contributing to the Economy: Facilitate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people contributing to the four pillar economy and the broader Queensland economy through partnerships, employment and business growth.
7. The State Government is already undertaking actions to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment. The Framework’s Action Plan will be developed following consultations with communities, industry and the NGO sector.
8. Cabinet endorsed the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Framework.
9. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Framework](Attachments/Framework.PDF)